# A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER MIKE ROTHMAN



The Minnesota Department of Commerce is here to make sure businesses and consumers can rely on an equitable marketplace in our state. Our staff works hard every day to ensure that scales are accurate, fuel

is clean and meters are correct across our state.

Over the last 100 years, the market has changed dramatically, and our service to businesses and consumers has changed to meet those demands.

We pride ourselves on maintaining equity in the marketplace through unbiased application of standards. Consumers and businesses alike can be assured that we apply the same standards to everyone; we don't play favorites.

Inspecting gas meters, testing fuel quality, checking grocery scales and packaging, overseeing propane inspectors, and helping tank owners pay for environmental cleanup projects, our professional staff have devoted their careers to making our state a great place to do business.

We encourage you to learn more about the services we provide and call on us when you have questions or need assistance.

Mike Kothman

**CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE** COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS YOUR BUSINESS AND MAINTAINS FAIRNESS IN MINNESOTA'S PETROLEUM MARKETPLAGE

## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

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#### **PROPANE INSPECTORS**

We test and oversee the work of registered propane inspectors and service technicians. Propane inspectors are authorized to place propane meters into service, repair equipment, remove rejection tags, and perform mandatory annual inspections. Registered service agents are authorized to place scales and meters into service, repair weighing and measuring devices, and remove rejection tags.



#### SCALES & PACKAGES

Today's petroleum marketers need to know as much about groceries as they do fuel. If they sell deli sandwiches, firewood, cookies or produce, our staff can help them understand scale requirements, labeling and content requirements for packages, and tare. Package and scale inspections happen every three years; but if compliance questions or other problems arise, we will assist before the regular inspection is scheduled.



#### **METER INSPECTIONS**

The Weights & Measures approval sticker on gas dispensers gives customers confidence that they are getting their full measure of fuel when the buy. Our inspections also alert businesses if their dispensers are giving fuel away, or are in need of repair. Investigators are currently on an 18-month inspection cycle. Please call our office to report if you spot a meter that is past due for inspection.



#### **PETROFUND**

The Petrofund reimburses tank owners, operators, and other eligible applicants for a large portion of their costs to investigate and clean up contamination from leaking petroleum storage tanks. The Petrofund also removes abandoned underground petroleum storage tanks.

To learn more, contact our staff by phone at (651) 539-1515 or (800) 638-0418 or by email at: petrofund.commerce@state.mn.us



### **BELOW COST GAS PRICING**

Our Below Cost Gas Pricing Program helps maintain the integrity and fairness of the petroleum retail marketplace through consistent enforcement of minimum gasoline pricing laws.

To learn more about the program or how the law applies to your business, visit our website: http://mn.gov/commerce/weights-and-measures/industry/fuel/



# **FUEL QUALITY TESTING**

We routinely test storage tanks for water and visible contaminants. Investigators are also available to help resolve customer fuel quality complaints and to take samples if you suspect contaminated fuel. Our petroleum lab can test water and sediment, octane, distillation points, volatility, flash point, ethanol and biodiesel concentrations, sulfur content and cold weather properties.